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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
PHILIPPE GAUCHER : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(BASED ON PCT/FR01/02189)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: CROSSLINKED RESIN AND PROCESS  
FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF  
OXIDES USING THIS CROSSLINKED  
RESIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

6. (Amended) The crosslinked resin as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the acid is acetic acid.

7. (Amended) The crosslinked resin as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the acid is propanoic acid.